

2006 Economic and Workforce Development Awards

Recognizing Innovation and Excellence for Moving Washington Forward in a Global Economy

Request for Nominations
NOMINATIONS DUE JULY 17, 2006

The Washington State Governor's Office invites nominations highlighting achievements, success stories, partnerships, and leaders in the field of economic and workforce development in Washington communities.

The Annual Economic and Workforce Development Awards acknowledge and recognize individuals, organizations, communities, regions, and agencies that have achieved excellence in their field. The awards program is designed to bring statewide public and professional recognition to projects and programs that have achieved results in the past year and have made significant contributions to the field of economic and workforce development. The following will be considered as judging criteria:

- ◆ The nominee/s must have reached an outstanding level of achievement in the category
- ◆ The contribution must be of significant value to the community
- ◆ The nominee/s actions, contribution and/or service should consistently be of an excellent standard to set them apart from other competitors in their category
- ◆ The nominee/s involvement should have a positive effect on creating a vibrant and sustainable community
- ◆ The nominee/s action must have a positive economic impact on the community that can be supported quantitatively

A panel of practitioners and peers will review nominations to evaluate projects in the following three categories.

WORKFORCE BEST PRACTICES AWARD

Recognizing leadership and exemplary accomplishment
in a program, project, or initiative in the workforce development system

This award honors a private/ public entity or partnership whose workforce practices have resulted in significant results, benefits, and solutions to the professional development of its employees, or individuals pursuing job training/retraining for future employment. The nominees will have demonstrated best practices in a new or strategic innovative program that has resulted in superior performance that can be replicated elsewhere to solve a community's workforce and employment challenges.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS AWARD

Honoring the community that has taken steps to simplify regulations and increase business or public productivity by making it easier and less expensive to do business

This award recognizes the community that has taken steps to reduce the regulatory burden within the public and/or private sector in order to promote business creation or expansion. Nominees must have demonstrated effective efforts that have provided easier access to government and minimized the costs of doing business

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Acknowledging a growing community or tribal area that has undertaken or facilitated a strategic infrastructure investment

This award highlights communities that have made an investment in their infrastructure, which in turn created business and industrial job growth. The nominee must provide evidence that it has complemented and supported the community's strategic economic development plan and that a private development or expansion has occurred as a result of the investment.

NOMINATION FORMAT & SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

Nominations must be submitted electronically clearly stating why the individual, organization, community, region, or agency should be considered for an award. Support materials may be submitted as attachments. Materials may include letters or articles providing additional information to the awards committee that assist in understanding the significance to the community of the person or program. Please limit your written response for each nomination to three pages using a minimum of 11-point type. For each nomination, provide the following information in a Word document.

General Information

- ◆ Category title
- ◆ Title of project, activity, or nominee's name
- ◆ Name, address, telephone, and email of nominee and person submitting nomination
- ◆ Identify local media and provide email addresses so we can send a press release about award winners and nominees.

Project Summary

In one or two sentences, please provide a brief summary of the project or activity.

Project Background

Describe the need and context for the project or activity (one paragraph).

Project Description

Describe the activities that took place to achieve the final result or product. Include the project budget and timeframe (two paragraphs).

Effectiveness

Describe the impact, cost, effectiveness, and local appropriateness of the project or activity (two paragraphs).

Conclusions

Tell us why you believe this project or individual should receive recognition in this category.

Recognition Information

Please list the leading individual(s) or organization(s) that should receive special recognition for their role in the project or activity. Please provide name, title, role, address and phone number.

All nominations must arrive by 4 p.m., July 17th, 2006. Late nominations will not be considered. Email nominations to: mauryf@cted.wa.gov

For additional information, contact Maury Forman at MauryF@cted.wa.gov.

<p>Awards will be presented September 7th at the Governor's 2006 Economic and Workforce Development Conference.</p>
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